

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A steam cooking apparatus, comprising:
- a heating chamber in which food is placed;
 - a steam generating device;
 - a sub-cavity provided in a ceiling part of the heating chamber;
 - heating means provided inside the sub-cavity;
 - an upper jet hole formed in a floor panel of the sub-cavity;
 - a side jet hole provided in a lower part of each side wall of the heating chamber, the side jet hole jetting out steam in a lateral direction of the heating chamber;
 - a duct connecting between the sub-cavity and the side jet hole; and
 - a fan that increases strength of steam jetted out through the upper jet hole and the side jet hole;
- supporting means supporting the food inside the heating chamber and spaced apart from a floor surface of the heating chamber,
- wherein steam generated by the steam generating device is introduced into the sub-cavity and is heated by the heating means, and then part of the steam is jetted out through the upper jet hole toward the food while the rest of the steam is guided through the duct to the side jet hole to be jetted out through the side jet hole toward the food, and
- the side jet hole is located below the supporting means, such that the steam from each side jet hole enters into the side jet hole flows inside a space defined by and immediately below the supporting means, flows in the in a lateral direction under the supporting means, and meets under the food.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 1,
wherein the side jet hole is so positioned and/or directed that the steam jetted out from
each side meets under the food.

4.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 1,
wherein a total area of the side jet hole is larger than a total area of the upper jet hole.

9.-17. (Canceled)